environmental issues would function, interact and endeavour to resolve habitat related problems in a coordinated manner. The Centre is managed by a Governing Council drawn up from among its members. Membership is decided by a committee drawn from the Governing Council based on the criteria referred to above.

Status of the Chairman of NMFDC

*162. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the Chairman of National Minorities Financial Development Corporation; and

(b) the achievements of the Corporation under his leadership, so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): The Chairman of NMFDC is one of the Directors on the Board of Directors. Therefore, he has the same status as that of any Director. But, as Chairman, he presides over I he meetings of the Board of Directors.

(b) A statement on the performance of the Corporation is annexed.

Statement

Government has set up a National Minorities Development & Finance Corpn (NMDFC) with an authorised share capital of Rs. 500 crores which was registered on 30.9.94 under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Shri Mohd. Hidayatullah Khan, former Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assambly and former Cabinet Minister Govt, of Bihar has been appointed as Chairman of NMDFC on 2.1.1995.

The Govt, of India's contribution to the equity of NMDFC would be restricted to 25% of the paid up share capital and balance share holding will be acquired by the State Govts/ Corporations and other institutions individuals having interest in the development of minorities.

In order to give a head start to the Corporation the Ministry of Welfare released Rs. 50 crores to the Corporation during 1994-95. An amount of Rs. 39 crores has been allocated for the current year.

As far the State Govts., only the state of Uttar Pradesh has provided Rs. 6.95 crores towards the equity of NMDFC, through its Corporation. The Govt, of Kerala has sanctioned Rs. 1 crore as contribution towards the share capital of NMDFC. The States of Bihar and Andhra Pradesh have informed that they would be contributing Rs. 5 crore and Rs. 1 crore respectively, towards the share capital. The States of Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh have also agreed in principle to contribute towards the equity of NMDFC.

Guidelines have been issued to-States/ UT Admns. for submission of proposals for obtaining loans from NMDFC through the State Minorities Finance Corpns./Channelising Agencies. For this purpose, all States/UTs were requested to nominate channelising agencies. All the State/UT Admns. except the six states of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya, Orissa, Sikkim and West Bengal have nominated channelising agencies.

By 1st August, 1995 the NMDFC had sanctioned loan amount to Rs. 67.40 crores with NMDFC's share of Rs. 44.18 crores to the State of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh, Tripura and Bihar. An amount of Rs. 31.02 crores has been released so far. This will help in establishing 15,129 units covering 16,251 beneficiaries.

Maintaining Lawns in Front of Government Quarters

*163. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD (Horticulture) is expected to maintain the growing and cutting of grass in lawns in front of the quarters in Government colonies, at regular intervals;

(b) whether CPWD (Horticulture) is also expected to grow hedges in front of the quarters and in the lawns and to trim them on regular intervals;

(c) if so, whether the CPWD (Horticulture) is performing this duty to the satisfcation of